



County of Ventura

County Executive Office

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 17, 2001

TO: John F. Johnston

FROM: Bert Bigler *BB*

SUBJECT: Response to Ventura County Grand Jury Final Report 2000-2001 on "Oversight Responsibilities in Ventura County Government"

The following information provides the Board of Supervisor's and the County Executive Officer's response to the Grand Jury's Final Report recommendations on "Oversight Responsibilities in Ventura County Government" (page 31):

Recommendation R-3:

The functions and personnel involved with the quality assurance-based reviews should be located in the Auditor-Controller Office so that the findings, files, and other information collected can be used and maintained in conjunction with the less frequent, more comprehensive oversight reviews.

Response:

Concur. The County Auditor-Controller is responsible for financial, compliance, operations, systems, and performance audits as stated in the CEO's adopted report to the Board on February 27, 2001 titled "Strengthen Specific Financial Management Capabilities for the County of Ventura." Quality assurance-based reviews are a component of those audit responsibilities, including oversight reviews, assigned to the Auditor-Controller.

Recommendation R-4:

All County departments should act promptly to implement the CEO's recommended internal self-assessment reviews.

Response:

Partially Concur. As previously stated, the Auditor-Controller is responsible for County audits, so accordingly is responsible for development of an internal self-assessment program for departmental implementation.

Due to significant vacancies of audit staffing, the Auditor-Controller has not yet developed the internal self-assessment program. As soon as development occurs, departments will be directed to implement promptly as appropriate.